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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 14, 1999
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 128
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Sen. Sue Landske, Chairperson; Sen. Billie Breaux; Sen. Becky Skillman; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Rep. Thomas Kromkowski; Rep. Ed Mahern; Rep. Robert Behning; Rep. Kathy Richardson.

Members Absent: None.

Chairperson Sen. Sue Landske called the meeting to order.

Morton Marcus, Indiana Business Research Center, Indiana University Kelly School of Business

Morton Marcus reported that at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, no action was taken on the Committee's written funding request for \$385,000 to be used for 2000 Census activities. He stated that a contract for \$185,000 was signed with the Indiana Department of Commerce for the hiring of three staff members who will perform 2000 Census activities. He added that the Legislative Council was meeting today and the remaining \$200,000 funding request was on the agenda.

Morton Marcus stated that funding for direct assistance to local governments is vitally important. The Census Bureau has created a new form requesting that all local governments report new construction to the Census Bureau so that address lists are kept current.

Sen. Landske stated that she and Sen. Garton met with Peggy Boehm, Budget Director. Sen. Landske stated that the Budget Agency is continuing to look for sources of funding for 2000 Census activities.

Sen. Skillman requested an update of the city and towns that have adopted a resolution creating a local complete count committee.

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Maureen Bard and Mark Stratton, Legislative Services Agency, Block Boundary Suggestion Program (BBSP)

Mark Stratton reported that 89 of the 92 county maps have been reviewed. He stated that 50 counties have responded to the BBSP inquiries and that 45 county maps have been sent to the Census Bureau.

Mr. Stratton stated that the National Conference of State Legislatures is hosting a redistricting conference in November. Mr. Stratton stated that a report of the conference will be given at a future meeting of the Census Data Advisory Committee (CDAC).

Maureen Bard reported that the BBSP has done several mailings to counties to establish communication regarding the establishment of corporate boundaries and the need to report new construction so that the Census Bureau mailing lists can be as up to date as possible.

Preliminary Draft Legislation

The Committee took action on the following preliminary draft legislation:

- **PD 3035** - Public question ballot language. The Committee recommends that **PD 3035** be converted to a bill and adopted by the General Assembly. The preliminary draft establishes the ballot language for submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning taking appeals of criminal convictions to the Indiana Supreme Court. The vote was 6 yeas and 0 nays.
- **PD 3037** - State certifying official references. The Committee recommends that **PD 3037** be converted to a bill and adopted by the General Assembly. The preliminary draft changes references to the "state certifying official" in the Indiana Code to "the Office of the Secretary of State." The vote was 6 yeas and 0 nays.
- **PD 3225** - Miscellaneous election law changes. The Committee recommends that **PD 3225**, as amended, be converted to a bill and adopted by the General Assembly. The preliminary draft makes a number of technical changes to Indiana election law. The changes include the following: 1) Action taken by the state or a political subdivision on a state legal holiday is valid. (Currently, this provision applies only to an action taken by the general assembly on a state holiday.) 2) Makes technical changes relating to the powers and duties of the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration and of the board's director. 3) Reconciles changes made by two bills during the 1999 session of the general assembly concerning the ability of a voter to return to the precinct of the voter's former residence to vote. 4) Proxies are not permitted in a caucus to fill a candidate or an office vacancy. 5) States the procedure for issuance of a commission to individuals appointed pro tempore to certain county offices. 6) Makes changes in the statute that provides for giving notice of resignation of a public officer. 7) Revises certain statutes under which school corporations may reorganize or engage in certain real property transactions to reflect current law relating to local public questions. 8) An employee of a political subdivision may be a candidate for an elected or appointed office and serve in the office if elected or appointed without resigning from employment with the political subdivision. 9) A town legislative body may not adopt a resolution to change the town into a city during the period beginning on the first day a declaration of candidacy for a primary in a municipal election year may be filed and ending on the day after the day of the municipal election. 10) Makes other technical changes in Indiana election law.
PD 3225 was amended by consent to include language that provides that a repeat public test of an optical scan ballot card voting system that tabulates ballots at a polling place is not required. The effective date is Retroactive: November 1, 1999. The vote was 7 yeas and 0 nays.
- **PD 3271** - Campaign finance. The Committee recommends that **PD 3271**, as amended, be converted to a bill and adopted by the General Assembly. The changes to the campaign finance law include the following: 1) An individual who takes action necessary to qualify under Indiana law for listing on the ballot or to become a write-in candidate is considered a candidate. 2) Provides for succession in the position of a political committee's chairman or

treasurer if the position becomes vacant. 3) Establishes requirements for the transfer of a political committee's property by an outgoing treasurer of the committee. 4) Provides for imposition of civil penalties on the treasurer of a political committee who does not file certain campaign finance reports. 5) The reporting period for the first campaign finance report of a candidate for nomination to office in a town convention begins on the date the individual becomes a candidate and ends on the date following the date of adjournment of the town convention. 6) Expenditure codes are not required to be used for campaign finance reports covering reporting periods before January 1, 2000. 7) Technical changes in campaign finance law. **PD 3271** page 2, line 8 was amended by consent, to read "thirty (30) days." The vote was 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- **PD 3272** - Election law date references. The Committee recommends that **PD 3272** be converted to a bill and adopted by the General Assembly. The preliminary draft updates certain reference dates relating to election law. It also makes other technical changes. The vote was 8 yeas and 0 nays.

SEA 109-1999, Section 141

Committee members discussed SEA 109-1999, Section 141, which directs the Committee to study the desirability of permitting absentee ballots to be cast at a county election board office using a recording electronic voting system. Committee members recommended that the issue remain open and a demonstration of these systems be provided at a future CDAC meeting.

Other Committee Business

The Committee moved, seconded, and approved the draft annual report. The vote was 8 yeas and 0 nays.

Sen. Landske adjourned the meeting.